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ABUSING AN EDUCATION.

The Neglect of Self-Culture Is a Ruinous Waste of Advantages.

In a thoughtful paper on "A Waste of Education," in the Woman's Home Companion, Brand Bunner Huddleston speaks of the tendency of women to permit their talents to rust out: "Mental culture may be the most costly or the most valuable gift of parents to their children just as they care for it after they get it. It is certain that few would equally neglect a material property of like monetary cost as they often do their educations. This, too, when money is the very shortest tape-line by which a mental gift may be measured. Perhaps it is due in part to the mistaken idea that when we have quitted the school room we carry with us a stationary fund of knowledge that will, or ought to be sufficient for our future. * * * Look at the piles of hard dollars and the illimitable hours of time spent every year in the study and practice of music alone; except for the good they are to teacher and to the makers of musical instruments, the half might as well be wiped out of existence at one clean sweep. A decent little eternity might be made out of the time. And this continues to exist and repeat itself generation after generation in the very face of the fact that music is an incomparable addition to home life, and on that account, if for no more lofty or selfish reason, ought to be perfected and never neglected by woman. How many of your women friends will undertake to entertain even the family circle with a creditable performance? Usually their pianos stand idle from the period immediately succeeding their marriage until there are daughters old enough to be put at lessons; then the old folly will be repeated. What folly? Not the placing of children to study music or any other accomplishment that is for their good or that the purse will permit. Let them have all the advantages within reach, but also teach them appreciation; the folly consists in fostering through example, and by a tacit acceptance of the existing state of things, the idea that it can be other than a sinful waste of time to acquire a good thing and then neglect it. No one has any business to learn a thing that is not worth remembering. It is foolish from a merely utilitarian point of view. Thus it may not be possible or desirable for every mother to teach her own children, though some count it a sweet privilege to do so, yet it pays them to keep thoroughly posted, if only to judge of the quality of work being done by the teacher, and to supply that home co-operation which is so needful to the conscientious student and the teacher."

Oldest Church in Europe.

The oldest church in Europe is that of St. Pudenziana, at Rome. About the middle of the first century a certain Roman senator had a house on this spot. He was a Christian convert, and it is said a distant relative to St. Paul, who lodged with him from A. D. 41 to 50. For the religious uses of himself and guests, he built a small chapel in this house, and when he died in 96, and his wife a year later, his daughter added a baptistry. A church was afterwards erected on the site of the original house of Pudens, and consecrated in 198 or 145. Canon Routledge, in his history of St. Mar-

ty, on the foundation of the church from Shanghai to Woeung and the grading has not yet been finished. Not a tie or a rail has been laid. Only Chinese workmen are employed. About a month or two ago the first sod was turned at Hankow for the Hankow-Pekin railway, but its prosecution depends upon the success of the Belgian syndicate in floating a proposed loan for its construction.

Reputation.

Editor—I cannot consider your contribution; you have no reputation. Post—h? Editor—Yes; go and impose on two or three lesser editors, and then I'll talk with you.—Detroit Journal.

WAR IS PROBABLE.

IN TEN DAYS IF SPAIN WILL FIGHT.

Intervention in Cuba Will be the Cause—McKinley is Consulting the Prominent Men of Both Parties—To Intervene Would Be a Hostile Act.

Washington, March 25.—In earnest of the present situation, it may be stated that President McKinley yesterday had in conference the leading members of the senate, including Senators Cockrell, Faulkner, Bacon, Wallah and other democrats and republicans. Yesterday Mr. McKinley found it necessary to summon Governor Joe Sayers and Joe Bailey into his confidence. These gentlemen were called to the White House by special messenger, Mr. Bailey in the morning and Mr. Sayers in the evening. Both had long conferences with the president on the Cuban situation. Both refuse to be interviewed as to their communications with Mr. McKinley. The reporter, however, is in a position to say that the dispatches heretofore sent are absolutely justified by today's developments; the information which comes to me tonight from sources which are absolutely incontrovertible make it certain that this nation will be in open arms against Spain within less than ten days. I am not at liberty to quote any member of the house, but I do not hesitate to predict that there will be actual war within the time specified.

The New Orleans Picayune's correspondent wires his paper: The situation here regarding the all-absorbing topic of war with Spain has not materially changed. This is not to be a week of action, but of preparation and consideration. Next week is to bring forth the fruits of the country of inquiry investigation and to reveal the policies of the administration.

The critical period of the controversy between the United States and Spain approaches, and is near at hand. There among the keenest fighters of the world's history.

Cubans are Preparing.

Tampa, Fla., March 25.—The 10,000 Cubans in Tampa are wild tonight with enthusiasm and excitement, caused by dispatches just received by the leaders from members of the Cuban junta, and especially from Gonzalez de Quesada, the representative of the junta in Washington, stating that the recognition of Cuba was now a certainty at any cost. The good tidings spread like wildfire, and by midnight every Cuban in this city and vicinity had congregated in mass meetings rejoicing over the receipt of the news. A very decided impetus has been given to the Cuban cause here by the dispatches, and latent enthusiasm has been aroused. Money in large quantities is being subscribed by the patriots for the purchase of munitions of war, and hundreds of Cubans, young and old, are forming themselves into companies to proceed immediately to Cuba, when the president's message recognizing belligerency or independence is sent to congress.

The greatest activity has already begun here in Cuban circles, and no less than 2000 men will be prepared to leave for the island within a few days. Cuba, the official organ of the Cuban party, has added to the excitement by its articles.

Railroad Loss Enormous.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 25.—Conservative railroad men estimate that the loss to Indiana lines because of the storm will not be less than \$800,000. All railroads are making herculean efforts to keep trains moving.

Four unknown tramps were found at the railroad station at Fayetteville, Ark., in a refrigerator car. Two are dead, one will die and the fourth may recover. They had built a fire in the car, went to sleep and were suffocated by coal gas.

Half a Million Damage.

Cedric, Ohio, March 25.—Never in the history of the city has this place suffered so much from high water as within the past twenty-four hours. The eastern part of the city is now a veritable sea and fully 600 houses are submerged. The Columbus and Cleveland rise of Wednesday came down in a huge sweeping torrent which carried everything before it. It is estimated that the damage will reach \$500,000. The railway companies are the greatest sufferers.

Flooding at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, March 25.—At midnight the waters have receded to an ordinary high water mark and no further damage is looked for. While the loss will reach many thousands of dollars worth of property, damage will not be as heavy as at first expected because manufacturers and householders had taken extra and early precautions to remove the machinery and goods to a safe ground. The loss will be to workmen who have been deprived of wages because of the shut down of many mills and factories.

Recruiting Station Opened.

Galveston, Texas, March 25.—The naval recruiting station on Tremont street will be formally opened today, and applicants with a desire for that kind of service will be given a chance to enlist.

On the 11 o'clock train yesterday the recruiting party arrived from New Orleans, and is constituted as follows: Chief Engineer Harrie Webster, U. S. N., in charge; Dr. R. C. Persons, surgeon and medical examiner; Bortswain J. J. Keller and Yeomen C. E. Allen and Harry Rosenhaupt.

The party are direct from New Orleans, where fifty-four recruits were secured, who have gone forward to New York city in charge of Commander Hawley, U. S. N., who will take charge of the recruiting force here upon its return.

The rules governing the enlistment of the men and boys have been too often referred to in these columns to need repeating. It will suffice to state that those chosen will have to come within the required age and will have to pass the medical examination.

Interior Cotton Men.

Dallas, Texas, March 25.—The Interior Texas Cotton association met in annual session in Dallas yesterday. The 21st-inch bale was endorsed. The association has approved the 2-1-4 pound, 45 pounds per bundle, bagging the. A resolution requesting the Galveston Maritime association to use its best efforts to secure the adoption of the above file was passed.

The officers of the association, consisting of Felix P. Battle of Waco president, C. L. Canger of Waco vice president, and E. P. Freeman of Dallas secretary, were re-elected. The by-laws of the association were changed and the government of the organization put in control of an executive committee of five. There was a large attendance. Among those who took an important part in the proceedings was E. S. Peters of Calvert president of the State Cotton Growers' Protective Association.

The meeting adjourned to assemble at the call of the president.

Dallas, Texas, March 25.—Mrs. Jennie Henry of Seymour, Texas, who has spent the last two months in Dallas attending to the manufacture of an apparatus she has devised, is the inventor of a sewing machine that promises to revolutionize all former efforts in that direction. Mrs. Henry has invented an attachment that can be applied to any ordinary machine, that will make five different kinds of stitches. These stitches vary from the coarse work necessary in the manufacture of rugs, carpets, etc., to the fancy stitching used in making handsome garments. With her appliance to change the stitch is only the work of a moment.

Machine men and mechanics who have seen the ingenious device and watched it perform say it is a remarkable mechanical effort. Mrs. Henry's application for a patent is now before the patent office authorities. She has no doubt but that a patent will be awarded her. She will then use it to the best possible advantage.

A Serious Accident.

Lake Charles, La., March 25.—Mr. A. Greensbacher, a prominent Jewish citizen of this city, was the victim of a very serious accident Wednesday evening. While on his way home from his son's store he stepped off of a plank which led across a ditch and fell across the curb stone, breaking one of the bones of his hip. He is 81 years old and the shock will probably never be overcome, as he is in a very feeble condition.

Aransas Pass Harbor.

Washington, March 25.—Congressman Kleberg yesterday introduced a concurrent resolution authorizing the secretary of war to make plans and estimates for the improvement of Aransas Pass harbor; also, to consider the feasibility of utilizing the present breakwater at Aransas Pass and compute the damage, if any, to such harbor by the construction of said breakwater.

Preliminary Survey Completed.

Alvin, Texas, March 25.—The surveying corps of the Guadalupe Valley railroad, fifteen men, Chief Engineer H. H. Homan in charge, arrived in town Wednesday night, having completed the preliminary survey of the line from Victoria to this place. The men will be in town several days and will be met here by Colonel Lott, promoter of the road, who will look over the ground and make arrangements as to right of way through town, depot ground, terminal facilities, etc.

Watkins Convicted.

Ardmore, I. T., March 25.—The trial of W. R. Watkins at Paul's Valley for the murder of Wyatt Williams in this city October 10, 1895, was concluded Wednesday. The jury after being out twelve hours, returned a verdict of guilty without capital punishment. This was the second trial accorded Watkins, the first trial resulting in a conviction of murder in the first degree. This and what is probably the most exciting criminal trial ever held in the Indian Territory.

Whoever thinks art an easy mistress let him study biography. One of the foremost of American actors recently told an audience of young men that for something like seven years he was almost on the verge of starvation. Night after night, after the play he would invest one of his few pennies in hot baked potatoes, put them in his pockets, and after warming his hands on them would swallow them. "Sargent and I," said a famous painter and sculptor to an art student, as he corrected her drawing, "spent some months in Spain when we were young artists. We were very poor. Sargent could talk better Spanish than I, so he went out and bought the beans, and I cooked them. Beans were all we had to eat." Yet Mansfield and Sargent and Duveneck, like thousands of other brave and successful men, have persisted against terrible odds, until success was assured.

A young woman went into a large dry-goods store not long ago and began openly to pocket articles from the counter. On being arrested, she said quietly that having no home but the streets, she preferred to spend the night in prison. The incident emphasizes President Eliot's recent caution to would-be philanthropists. Hospitals and asylums and reformatories are but necessary palliatives of developed evil; whereas churches, schools, museums, gardens, gymnasia are instruments of moral construction, and to train a child to avoid evil and pauperism is better than to help the adult out of those conditions.

EDUCATIONAL.

A Phillips Brooks Memorial at Harvard college has been proposed. The sum of \$50,000 has already been raised, and a plot of ground in the northwest corner of the college grounds has been set apart for this purpose.

Bishop McLaren, on account of increasing diocesan duties, has resigned the position of dean of the Western Theological Seminary, at Chicago, which he has held since the establishment of the institution in 1884. The seminary has prospered under Bishop McLaren, and it now has \$400,000 worth of property and no indebtedness of any kind.

The opposition to the press brought out by the press-gag bill at Albany is astonishing. But for the press very few of these opponents of a legitimate business would ever have been heard of; and their impotence at the right of fair as well as unfair criticism shows a weakness that belongs to few bodies of men of that size. The influence of the press in politics is perhaps not as great as has been claimed; but there ought to be some results from this injustice.

The experience of the fifth century is to be repeated on a more extended scale. The outer barbarians were falling upon the Chinese empire as they did upon its Roman predecessor. An unwelcome civilization is succumbing to assailants whom it despises, but whom it cannot resist. And as at least four Roman empires could be cut out of China, the collapse that we are witnessing is one whose like the world has never seen before.

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GAINED 22 POUNDS IN 5 WEEKS.

From the Hy-Standard, Macomb, Ill.

Alderman Louis W. Camp, of our city, has quite astonished his friends of late, by a remarkable gain in weight. He has gained 22 pounds in five weeks. Those of his friends who do not know the facts of his sickness will read with interest the following:

"I was broken down in health and utterly miserable," said Mr. Camp to our reporter. "I was unable to work much of the time and so badly afflicted with a form of stomach trouble that life was a veritable nightmare. I tried various remedies, but during the six months of my sickness I obtained no relief. I had always been a robust, healthy man and sickness bore heavily upon me."

"About two years ago I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I purchased one box and received much benefit that I used five more and was entirely cured. I gained twenty-two pounds in five weeks. Since I stopped taking the pills I have scarcely had an ache or pain."



Interviewing the Alderman.

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills restored me to health and I most heartily recommend them."

L. W. Camp on oath says that the foregoing statement is true.

W. W. MALOAN, Notary Public.

Following is the physician's certificate as to Mr. Camp's present condition.

I am a regularly licensed physician of Macomb, McDonough County, Ill. I have very recently examined Mr. L. W. Camp as to his general physical condition, and find the same to be all that could be desired, appetite and digestion good, sleeps well, and has all the evidences of being in a good physical condition. SAM'L REZARLT, M. D. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1897.

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